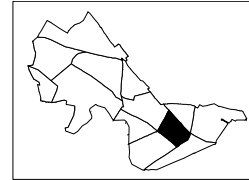


NEIGHBORHOOD 4

AREA 4



BOUNDARIES: the B&A Railroad, Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Hampshire Street

POPULATION: 7,263 residents
2,523 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$24,665

Neighborhood #4 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers), and Car 4R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 4A, 4B, and 4C, and Central 10.

COMPARISON OF 3RD Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	36	40	54	41	30
Street Robbery	29	23	18	23	22
Auto Theft	49	69	64	50	46
Larceny from MVs	54	88	82	62	34
Malicious Destruction	67	97	97	88	76
Drug Arrests	60	23	17	13	19

2003 THIRD QUARTER IN REVIEW

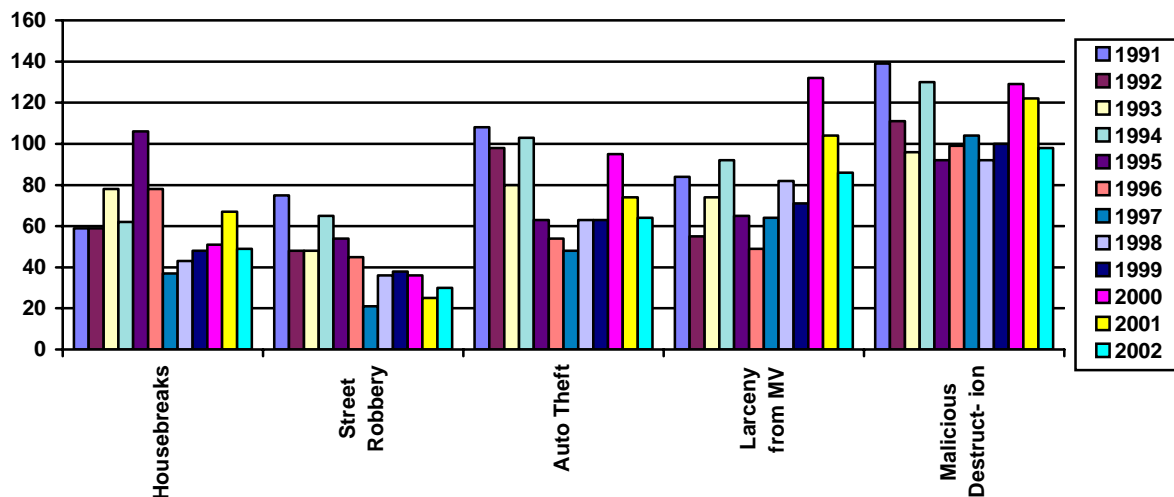
Nearly a quarter of the **street robberies** took place in January of this year. Sundays and Thursdays have been the most active days for these incidents. From Sundays through Wednesdays, the incidents have been concentrated between 8:00PM and 11:00PM. In two of the robberies the suspect was known to the victim. There have been no precise repeat locations, but multiple incidents have taken place along the length of Massachusetts Avenue in this neighborhood. The robberies were overall random in nature. • **Housebreaks** declined significantly this past year. Early in the year there were multiple incidents on the 0 to 100 blocks of Norfolk Street, while repeat incidents took place on the 100 to 200 blocks of Windsor Street during the summer. During the summer months there were also a significant number of breaks that involved the perpetrator entering, or attempting to enter, apartments while the residents were home. All of the housebreak locations were apartments. • Over fifty percent of the stolen vehicles have been recovered. Almost half of the **auto thefts** took place during the third quarter. During the summer, three Yamaha motorcycles were stolen from Area 4. • Norfolk Street, between Harvard and Suffolk Streets, was the main area of repeat auto thefts, while **larcenies from motor vehicle** were repeated between Hampshire and Union Streets on Norfolk Street. The second quarter was highest for these incidents. Almost all of the incidents in the third quarter took place on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Early in the year there was a trend of tire thefts that died down. • There have been two rashes of tire slashings in Area 4 this year, one on April 13th and the second on July 13th. The July rash took place on Columbia Street, while the April incidents occurred on Elm Street. Temporally, **malicious destruction of property** incidents tend to take place during the weekends at night. • Of the nineteen **drug arrests** this year, seven were the result of investigations conducted by the Special Investigations Unit. Arrests were lowest during the first quarter. The majority of the arrests were carried out by patrol officers, and mainly involved the possession of marijuana and crack/cocaine.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Area 4 has a less than average residential population (among Cambridge neighborhoods), coupled with a series of commercial establishments lining Massachusetts Avenue. Multi-family homes, as well as large apartment buildings, and 2 public housing developments (Newtowne Court and Washington Elms) distinguish this neighborhood from all others.

- As the numbers denote, Area 4 has earned the top rank among all 13 neighborhoods for street robbery over the past 20 years.
- In recent years, community crime watches, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and thorough policing by the Cambridge Police Special Investigations Unit have succeeded in preventing many potential drug incidents in the neighborhood's residential areas.
- Area 4 **housebreaks** have increasingly rated higher than average, moving from the fifth to the third highest rank among Cambridge neighborhoods over the past 20 years. Area 4 is often a prime target, due to its high population density in residential areas. In both Mid-Cambridge and Area 4, The Crime Analysis Unit identifies several discernable housebreak patterns that emerge throughout each year.

ANNUAL TOTALS



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AREA 4 TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	101	5	59	4	5
Street Robbery	75	1	48	1	1
Auto Theft	147	3	78	3	1
Larceny from MVs	134	2	77	4	3
Malicious Destruction	131	3	109	4	6

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest